

**DRAFT**

**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
March 10, 1998**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at the Zilker Club House, Rollingwood Road, Austin, Texas. Board members present: Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Carol Kim, Mike Librik, Mary K. Isaacs, Jeff Francell.

Staff members present: Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Stuart Strong, Ray Lopez, Randy Russell, Leon Baba, Rick Ramirez, Warren Struss, Jack Anderson, Janet Martin, Jay Stone, Tinora Williams, Juan Valera, Tino Garcia, Adrenne Luna, Ernest Espinoza, Victor Davis, Rosie Arrendondo, Merv Griffin, Roger Davis, Oralia Ybarbo, Jerretta Jimmerson, D'Wayne Anderson, Darryl Lewis, Brian Robinson, Mike Hargett, Mary Ybarbo.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry

The agenda was taken out of order.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Ray Lopez, Division Manager for Programs, showed the board the organizational chart for the Programs Division. Noting that his immediate staff consisted of Joanna Mesecke as Administrative Assistant, Minnie Gonzales as Custodial Supervisor, Robert Armistead as Program Manager for the South area, Mini Freeman as Program Manager for the East area, Gina Saenz as Acting Program Manager for North/Northeast area, Gloria Pennington as Program Manager for Senior Support Services and Janet Martin as Program Manager for the Roving Leader Program and the Summer Playground Program. Mr. Lopez mentioned that recently PARD had received the Lone Star Programming Award from Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) for the Totaly Cool Totally Art and Non-Traditional Programs offered through his division. Janet Martin was introduced and asked to give a briefing on the Roving Leader Program (RLP). Ms. Martin explained the RLP is compared to a recreation center on wheels. The program's leaders rove their communities, carrying equipment and supplies for impromptu games, crafts and athletic activities. They seek out teens who do not participate in, know about, or avail themselves to the programs and recreational activities provided by the city. The program provides fun activities for youth who may not have been exposed to recreation before. The leaders also act as links to connect the youth and their families to services offered in the community. Leaders will be present in the Southeast, South Central, Montopolis area, East Austin, Northeast Austin and far South Austin area. The Roving Leaders present were introduced: Adrenne Luna, Ernest Espinoza, Tinora Williams, Victor Davis, Rosie Arrendondo, Merv Griffin, Roger Davis, Oralia Ybarbo, Jerretta Jimmerson, D'Wayne Anderson. Several leaders gave a brief outline of the work they are doing.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Status Report on the Robert E. Lee Road Relief Interceptor Planning Study by

Craig Bell, from Water and Wastewater Utility

This is a second presentation Mr. Bell has given to the Board to keep them current on the review of the wastewater collection system in the Robert E. Lee Road area, which impacts Zilker Park and the Barton Creek Greenbelt. The Study documents the adequacy of the existing system. Council has approved the Consensus Building Group's report on wastewater service in Barton Creek/Eanes Creek watersheds and has now authorized negotiation with Rollingwood and West Lake Hills (R/WLH) with five conditions: commitment to use reclaimed water is critical; environmental protections should be criteria for primary design; on-site systems should be evaluated; special emphasis given to the recommendations by boards and commission and interim reports on the negotiations will be provided to the appropriate boards, commissions and City Council. There are two options being negotiated and the one favored by Water and Wastewater include Austin taking only treated effluent water, a by-pass is pumped via a force main and shallow gravity main instead of a large gravity tunnel, the City of Austin pays for reclaimed water distribution facilities (not treatment facilities), and R/WLH pays Austin a special rate for by-passed Type 1 effluents. Mr. Bell will return with another update for the board.

At 7:40 p.m. there was a short dinner break.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Jesus M. Olivares, Director, reviewed the organizational chart with board members and asked each division manager to give a brief overview of their division. Listed below is the name and division of each person who gave an overview:

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| Division Manager      | Division                 |
| Warren Struss         | Park Police              |
| Jack Anderson         | Cultural Affairs         |
| Rick Ramirez (Acting) | Management Services      |
| Leon Barba            | Operations               |
| Tino Garcia           | Training and Development |
| Juan Valera-Lema      | Natural Resources        |
| Stuart Strong         | Planning and Design      |
| Randy Russell         | Sports Management        |

Attached to these minutes is a copy of the overheads used for each presentation.

Kendall Moss, Deputy Director, informed the board the Central City Entertainment Center (CCEC) site has been demolished, the contract has been awarded for construction and a February 1999 date for completion has been estimated. Leisure Management International (LMI) has been hired for the management of the center with funding coming from the Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget. Advisory Board members are currently being selected.

Mr. Olivares informed the board a current Resource Manual will be distributed at a later date.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

No recommendation was made to postpone the Board Meeting of 3/24/98.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of February 24, 1998 were approved.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Because of the lateness of the hour, Committee Reports were delayed.

#### **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Olivares informed the board the soccer teams from Metz Recreation would be playing on the fields by Oak Springs Library.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.